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To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 Twelfth Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Subject: CC Docket No. 96-115 and 96-149

The idea of allowing telephone companies to sell my customer records without first obtaining my permission appalls me. Those records reveal personal information about me and my telephone usage that should be required by law to remain confidential in the telephone company's files, and not available for sale or any other use by the telephone company without my specific, written permission to the telephone company.

Goodness knows, in this day and age, that scam artists, identity thieves, other criminals and telemarketers are already a plague on the U.S. public. I do not want it to become any more aggravating for me than it already is. Please do all in your power to prevent any attempt by the communications industry to further invade the privacy of any of us. Please strongly support laws preventing those companies from selling *any* customer records without first getting written permission from every affected customer.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Oldham

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